

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An image display apparatus includes a light source
for supplying illumination light, a reflection type
display device which reflects the illumination light
and modulates the illumination light into image light,
an illumination optical system for guiding the
illumination light to the reflection type display
device, and a projection optical system for guiding the
image light to an observer. The illumination optical
10 system includes a first optical member for directing
the illumination light toward the reflection type
display device, a secondary light source generating
part generating a secondary light source with the
illumination light emitted from said light source, and
15 a second optical member which has a reflecting surface
which guides the illumination light other than the
illumination light directly incident on the secondary
light source generating part among the illumination
light emitted from said light source to the secondary
20 light source generating part, and from which the
illumination light from the secondary light source
emerges toward the first optical member.

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